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here is the latest news from the associated press:

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'air force one' is airborne and bound for iceland. the president is en route to a mini-summit in reykjavik (ray'-kyuh-vik) -- his second meeting with soviet leader gorbachev. before he left the white house, reagan vowed to seek progress toward arms control. but he says he's not going to 'dash off a few quick agreements.' reagan describes the weekend as a step toward the 'goal of a better, safer world.'

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reagan acknowledges the superpowers have their differences, but says if gorbachev is 'truly cooperative' there can be progress. white house chief of staff donald regan says the president heads for iceland 'confident that he knows the issues.' regan told c-b-s he too hopes for progress on arms control.

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administration officials say they hope the summit will produce the framework for an arms accord. and they hope the leaders will set a date for a major summit to be held in the united states.

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reykjavik (ray'-kyuh-vik) isn't the only setting for arms control debate -- congress is still wrangling over military restrictions as part of a huge spending bill. lawmakers have passed a second stopgap measure that keeps the government in the money for just two days. but the full fiscal 1987 package is stalled by a house version that would force the u-s to stick to the unratified 'salt-two' arms treaty and limit weapons testing.

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as he left the white house, reagan warned that his mission to iceland will be undercut unless congress passes a spending bill he likes -- and does it immediately.

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if the spending bill doesn't keep the 99th congress beyond its adjournment for another week, anti-drug legislation might. house and senate lawmakers are at odds over a death-penalty provision in the house version. it would have drug kingpins executed for drug-related murders. the senate has already rejected that idea once.

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the u-s and china continue to strengthen ties. defense secretary caspar weinberger says u-s warships will visit china next month -- for the first time since the communists came to power 37 years ago.

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today's 'new york times' reports a logbook has been recovered from the cargo plane shot down over nicaragua. the times says the book was signed by the american nicaragua says piloted the plane. and the paper says it lists 34 different crew members serving on rebel supply flights -- all apparently non-latin names.

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nicaragua claims the plane was on a c-i-a mission -- a charge the u-s denies. a nicaraguan spokesman says the flight's lone survivor -- american eugene husenfus (hahs'-ehn-fus) -- will be put on trial. and a nicaraguan spokeswoman says the bodies of three people -- all believed to be americans killed in the crash -- will be shipped home.

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